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| <b>Interview Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/656,002  | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>REESE ET AL. |  |
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If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 9.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wagner et al. (4,262,991).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached.    g) ☒ was not reached.    h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The differences between the claimed invention (independent claims 1 and 9) and the Wagner reference were discussed and suggestions/ideas were made on how to amend around the Wagner reference.

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